

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

Claims 1 - 20 (canceled)

21. (New): A portable air cleaning and air transportation device sandwiching an existing enclosed space and the ambient air outside said existing enclosed space, said existing enclosed space being sufficiently large for habitation by at least one human, such that said portable air cleaning and air transportation device can remove contaminants from and neutralize contaminants in said ambient air and transport the cleaned and neutralized ambient air into said existing enclosed space in sufficient quantities to increase the air pressure and maintain a habitable environment within said existing enclosed place, said portable air cleaning and air transportation device comprising:
- a) at least one modular air filtering device disposed outside said existing enclosed space in said ambient air, said modular air filtering device comprising an air cleaning means surrounded by an air tight housing, said air tight housing having an air inlet disposed on one side of said air cleaning means and an air outlet disposed on the opposite side of said air cleaning means such that said ambient air enters said modular air filtering device at said air inlet and passes through said air cleaning means to said air outlet; and
  - b) a means for connecting said air outlet of one said modular air filtering device to said air inlet of another said modular air filtering device thereby creating a contiguous plurality of said modular air filtering devices in fluid communication one with the other; and
  - c) a means for closing said air inlet of said air tight housing of said modular air

filtering device such that said contaminants removed by said air cleaning means cannot exit said air inlet of said modular air filtering device subsequent to use and during the disposal thereof; and

d) a device for pulling said ambient air into and through at least one said modular air filtering device and transporting said cleaned and neutralized ambient air from said air outlet of at least one said modular air filtering device into said existing enclosed space, said device for pulling said ambient air being disposed within said existing enclosed space and comprising an air tight housing, said air tight housing having a housing air inlet, a housing air outlet, and a means for moving air within said air tight housing sandwiching said housing air inlet and said housing air outlet; and

e) a means for maintaining fluid communication between said housing air inlet of said device for pulling ambient air and said air outlet of at least one said modular air filtering device, said means for maintaining fluid communication sandwiching said housing air inlet of said device for pulling ambient air and said air outlet of at least one said modular air filtering device, said means for maintaining fluid communication comprising an air inlet for transporting said cleaned and neutralized ambient air and an adjustable panel surrounding and permanently affixed to said air inlet such that said air inlet and said adjustable panel can be quickly and easily inserted and fitted into an existing access of said existing enclosed space such that said means for maintaining fluid communication maintains a separation between said existing enclosed space and said ambient air outside said existing enclosed space; and

f) a means for affixing said air inlet of said means for maintaining fluid communication to said air outlet of said modular air filtering device and a means for affixing said air inlet of said means for maintaining fluid communication to said air inlet of said device for pulling said ambient air such that said modular air

filtering device and said device for pulling said ambient air can be easily and quickly connected to and unconnected from said air inlet of said means for maintaining fluid communication.

22. (New): The portable air cleaning and transportation device of Claim 21 wherein said existing enclosed space is at least one room of a home or building.
23. (New): The portable air cleaning and transportation device claimed in Claim 21 wherein said existing access to said existing enclosed space is a window.
24. (New): The portable air cleaning and transportation device claimed in Claim 21 wherein said means for moving air is an electric powered fan.
25. (New): The portable air cleaning and transportation device claimed in Claim 21 wherein said means for connecting said air outlet of one said modular air filtering device to said air inlet of another said modular air filtering device is a circular threaded member such that said modular air filtering devices can be easily and quickly assembled into said plurality of said modular air filtering devices.
26. (New): The portable air cleaning and transportation device claimed in Claim 21 wherein said means for affixing said air inlet of said means for maintaining fluid communication to said air outlet of said modular air filtering device is a circular threaded member such that said contiguous plurality of said modular air filtering devices can be easily and quickly affixed to and detached from said air inlet of said means for maintaining fluid communication.
27. (New): The portable air cleaning and transportation device claimed in Claim 21 wherein said means for affixing said air inlet of said means for maintaining fluid communication to said air inlet of said device for pulling said ambient air is an unthreaded member such that said device for pulling said ambient air can be easily and quickly affixed to and detached from said air inlet of said means for maintaining fluid communication.
28. (New): The portable air cleaning and transportation device claimed in Claim 21

wherein said means for closing said air inlet of said air tight housing of said modular air filtering device is an air impermeable circular threaded cap.

29. (New): The portable air cleaning and transportation device claimed in Claim 21 wherein said contaminants in said ambient air are of the type that would be released into said ambient air during a terrorist attack, an industrial accident or a natural disaster, said contaminants including particulate, chemical, biological and radioactive materials.